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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S STATEMENT TO SECURITY COUNCIL ON  
DEBATE ON SYG'S REPORT ON THE MIDDLE EAST

1. AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S STATEMENT ON MARCH 29 TO SECURITY  
COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS IN PARA 2.

2. QYOTE SELDOM IN THE LONG HISTORY OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE  
HAS THERE BEEN A PERIOD OF SUCH INTENSE DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITIY  
AS WE ARE NOW EXPERIENCING. THIS IN ITSELF IS A SOURCE  
OF HOPE. WE BELIEVE IT REFLECTS A DETERMINATION ON ALL  
SIDES TO GIVE PEACE A CHANCE, AS WELL AS A HARD-HEADED  
ASSESSMENT THAT THERE NOW EXISTS A REALISTIC POTENTIAL FOR  
SUCCESS THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS.

WHILE THERE ARE VOICES IN THE MIDDLE EAST WHICH  
REJECT PEACE, THE CREATIVE FORCES OF REASON AND  
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CONCILIATION HAVE NEVER BEEN STRONGER THAN THEY ARE  
TODAY. WISE AND CAPABLE LEADERS ON BOTH SIDES HAVE  
SET IN MOTION A PROCESS OF PEACEFUL ACCOMMODATION WHICH  
COULD IN TIME YIELD THE JUST AND DURABLE PEACE  
WHICH WE ALL SO FERVENTLY DESIRE. NEVERTHELESS, THE  
PASSIONS REMAIN, AND IF WE DO NOT QUICKLY AND FORCEFULLY SEIZE THE  
PRESENT OPPORTUNITY FOR PEACE, IT MAY BE IRRETRIEVABLY LOST.

THE ISSUANCE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT IS AN APPROPRIATE MOMENT TO REFLECT ON WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED SO FAR AND WHERE WE APPEAR TO BE HEADING. WE BELIEVE THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS MADE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS WITH HIS SYSTEMATIC AND THOROUGH EXAMINATION OF THE PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE RECONVENING OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. HIS CONSULTATIONS HAVE REVEALED SUBSTANTIAL DIFFERENCES OF VIEW ON THESE QUESTIONS, AND HE HAS NOT MINIMIZED THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH LIE AHEAD. NONETHELESS THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS GIVEN US A KIND OF AGENDA OF THE WORK WHICH MUST BE DONE IN THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS, AND THIS SHOULD PROVE HIGHLY USEFUL TO US ALL.

I NEED NOT RECAPITULATE HERE THE DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY OF THE UNITED STATES IN RECENT WEEKS IN REGARD TO THE MIDDLE EAST. THESE ARE MATTERS WITH WHICH YOU ARE ALL FAMILIAR. NO INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES IS SERVED BY STALEMATE OF CONTINUED CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THEREFORE THIS ADMINISTRATION WILL WORK VIGOROUSLY AND CREATIVELY TO ASSIST THE PARTIES TO MOVE FORWARD AT THE FASTEST POSSIBLE PACE CONSISTENT WITH THE PRINCIPLE THAT NOTHING CAN BE ACHIEVED BY ANY OF US EXCEPT THROUGH THE EFFORTS AND WITH THE CONSENT OF ALL.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS SUMMARIZED IN HIS REPORT HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE AS TO THE RESULTS OF MR. VANCE'S CONSULTATIONS WITH MIDDLE EAST LEADERS DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 14 TO 21. I WOULD LIKE TO STRESS THAT WE WERE ENCOURAGED BY ONE FUNDAMENTAL FACT WHICH UNCLASSIFIED

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EMERGED FROM THESE DISCUSSIONS: THAT ALL THE LEADERS WITH WHOM SECRETARY VANCE TALKED BELIEVE STRONGLY IN THE NEED FOR PEACE. ALL AGREE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF REDUCING MILITARY EXPENDITURES SO THAT SCARCE RESOURCES CAN BE DEVOTED TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL BETTERMENT OF THEIR PEOPLES. WITH THIS COMMON NEED AND COMMON HOPE, WE ARE LAUNCHED ON AN EFFORT TO TRANSFORM THE MIDDLE EAST FROM AN AREA OF RECURRENT CONFLICT TO ONE OF PEACE, PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY.

AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE UNITED STATES IS CONTINUING THE INTENSIVE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS INITIATED BY SECRETARY VANCE'S TRIP. THE SECRETARY IS PRESENTLY IN MOSCOW FOR TALKS WHICH INCLUDE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE USSR IN ITS CAPACITY AS CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE. PRESIDENT CARTER HAS BEGUN A SERIES OF PERSONAL MEETINGS WITH THE LEADERS OF THE MIDDLE EAST NATIONS. WE HOPE THAT THROUGH THESE INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS TO IDENTIFY COMMON GROUND AMONG THE PARTIES AND TO FIND WAYS TO BRIDGE THE WIDE GAPS THAT EXIST. IF WE ARE TO

ACHIEVE OUR COMMON GOAL OF RETURNING TO GENEVA IN THE SECOND HALF OF THIS YEAR, THERE MUST BE FLEXIBILITY BY ALL THE PARTIES ON THE KEY ISSUES INVOLVED IN THE WEEKS AND MONTHS AHEAD.

WE ARE NOW CONCLUDING OUR THIRD DAY OF DEBATE ON THIS QUESTION. WE HAVE HEARD ONCE AGAIN FROM BOTH SIDES AND WE ARE CONVINCED EVER MORE FIRMLY OF THE IMPORTANCE OF FURTHERING THE PEACE PROCESS THROUGH THE EARLY RE-CONVENING OF THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPORT MAKES AN ACTIVE AND POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION IN THE DIRECTION.

MY GOVERNMENT ONCE AGAIN PLEDGES ITS UTMOST EFFORTS TO THE GOAL OF PEACE WHICH WE RECOGNIZE WILL ONLY BE ACHIEVED THROUGH THE SUSTAINED DETERMINATION AND CO-ORDINATION OF BOTH SIDES.

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I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT I BELIEVE PERSONALLY THAT THE PROBLEMS OF THE MIDDLE EAST ARE RELATED TO OTHER GLOBAL CONCERNS. AS WE TACKLE ONE SET OF PROBLEMS, WE CAN EXPECT TO SEE BENEFITS IN OTHER AREAS. I WANT YOU ALL TO KNOW THAT I PERSONALLY SHALL LEND MY TIME, ENERGIES, AND CONTINUED SUPPORT AS A MATTER OF FIRST PRIORITY TO A JUST SOLUTION OF THESE PROBLEMS. I WOULD URGE THAT AS WE LOOK AHEAD WE NOT LET THE PROBLEMS CLOUD OUR VISION OF THE DREAM. THE DREAM HAS BEEN APPROACHED BEFORE; IT IS NOT BEYOND OUR GRASP NOW. UNQUOTE  
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